

SIXTEENTH DAY

Monday, February 11, 2013

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, convened at 12:05 o'clock p.m., with Speaker Souki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Faye P. Hanohano and Ms. Julia Peleiholani, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representatives Cachola, Har, McKelvey and Takai, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Fifteenth Day was deferred.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 225) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 225, dated January 31, 2013, transmitting the 2012 Annual Report of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, pursuant to Act 100, SLH 1999.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 8 through 10) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 8, transmitting H.B. No. 26, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 8, 2013.

Sen. Com. No. 9, transmitting S.B. No. 839, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 8, 2013.

Sen. Com. No. 10, transmitting S.B. No. 306, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 8, 2013.

On motion by Representative Awana, seconded by Representative Fukumoto and carried, the following Senate Bills passed First Reading by title and further action was deferred: (Representatives Cachola, Har, McKelvey and Takai were excused.)

S.B. No. 306, SD 1
S.B. No. 839

**KA HUA 'ŌLELO O KA LĀ
HAWAIIAN WORD FOR THE DAY**

Representative Hanohano presented *Ka Hua 'Ōlelo O Ka Lā*, the Hawaiian Word for the Day, as follows:

*"Mahalo ho'omalu 'ōlelo,
Ka hua 'ōlelo o ka lā – Mahi'ai.
Mahi'ai – farmer, planter, cultivator.
Mahi – to cultivate, farm or have a farm plantation.
'Ai – food or food plant.
Mahi'ai – farmer.
Mahalo."*

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the Members of the House:

Representative Hanohano introduced members of the Hawaii Equality Group.

Representative Nishimoto, on behalf of Representatives Kobayashi, Tokioka and himself, introduced students from the Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind; their teacher, Mr. Jared Katakura; and assistants, Sarah and Bryce.

At 12:13 o'clock p.m., Representative Awana requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:45 o'clock p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Cabanilla, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 255) recommending that H.B. No. 742, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Saiki moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 742, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Awana.

Representative Hanohano rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 742, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative McKelvey, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 256) recommending that H.B. No. 840, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Saiki moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 840, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Awana.

Representative McDermott rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this measure. Mr. Speaker, this is a needed measure, and although I'm in opposition, I acknowledge that the people it will hit, Hawaii Banker's Association, Hawaii Financial Services Association, actually testified in support of this. It's kind of a housekeeping measure. It's to bring our state charter banks up to speed with the federal regulations, so I understand that.

"My 'no' really is an objection to the unfunded federal mandate that these regulations place upon the State as a burden to the users of these services. Because at the end of the day, although the bank association supports it and the other regulatory agencies support it, it's going to be passed on to the consumer. So that's my no vote. Not an objection to the methodology or procedures that the committee process brought this forward. Thank you."

Representative Hanohano rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Fale rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 840, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative McDermott voting no, and with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representatives Belatti and Carroll, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 257) recommending that H.B. No. 7, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 7, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELDERLY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Takai, for the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 258) recommending that H.B. No. 92 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Saiki moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 92 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative Awana.

Representative Hanohano rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 92, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Takai, for the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 259) recommending that H.B. No. 494, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 494, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO URBAN ART," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Takai, for the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 260) recommending that H.B. No. 762, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 762, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASHINGTON PLACE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Takai, for the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 261) recommending that H.B. No. 1089, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1089, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KALO

APPRECIATION MONTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Choy, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 262) recommending that H.B. No. 71 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Saiki moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 71 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Awana.

Representative Hanohano rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 71, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Choy, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 263) recommending that H.B. No. 1072 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1072, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 264) recommending that H.B. No. 1328 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1328, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KAHŌ'OLAWÉ ISLAND RESERVE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 265) recommending that H.B. No. 1382 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Saiki moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1382 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative Awana.

Representative Ward rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise with reservations on this measure. Mr. Speaker, this bill limits the speed of jet skis to 30 mph. For those of us in districts which have jet skis, this is a very important bill. 30 mph is safe. And for the record, I want to note that in my district, Maunaloa Bay, the actual commercial company that I spoke with has his jet skis at 25 mph, so there's nothing wrong with this.

"The problem that I have with this, and what I think the other members of the industry have, is that it does not exempt rescue workers. If you're going to go out and save somebody, you don't want to have a jet ski that only goes 30 mph. If you're going to tow somebody in you want to have full force of your horsepower. Jet skis can go from 30 to 40 with the small engines, up to 40, 50, even maybe 60 mph. So unless the rescuers are exempt from this, this bill has a big *puka* in it, Mr. Speaker, and I would hope the next committees will correct that. Thank you."

Representative Jordan rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Fale rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Cheape rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Carroll rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Brower rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, in strong support, permission to insert written comments. Thank you. And just to my colleague from Hawaii Kai, I agree with his statement, and similar to our roads we have speed limits but then for emergency vehicles as well as law enforcement, they can break those speed limits. Thank you."

Representative Brower's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, the parents of the 16 year old California native who died in a jet ski accident last summer approached me about introducing this bill to prevent more innocent people from getting killed. They refer to this bill as 'Kristen's Law,' named after their daughter. They believe that excessive speed was a contributing factor in her death.

"According to testimony from the family's attorney, people who rent personal watercraft (PWC) tend to be less experienced than people who use privately owned PWCs. Restricting the speed limit to 30 miles per hour will protect them from any recklessness or negligence that is heightened by this lack of experience.

"We have speed limits on our roads, and emergency vehicles may exceed those limits in special circumstances. Similarly, this bill is not intended to restrict emergency personnel and staff.

"This bill is reasonable. I look forward to continuing the discussion in the Judiciary Committee."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1382, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Fale voting no, and with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representatives Hanohano and Evans, for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 266) recommending that H.B. No. 1424 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1424, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF RESOURCE VALUE LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 267) recommending that H.B. No. 679 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 679, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representatives Hanohano and Evans, for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 268) recommending that H.B. No. 1093 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Saiki moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1093 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Awana.

Representative Coffman rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1093, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCLOSURES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Coffman voting no, and with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representatives Hanohano and Takumi, for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 269) recommending that H.B. No. 1317 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1317, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 270) recommending that H.B. No. 252, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 252, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representative Wooley, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 271) recommending that H.B. No. 481, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 481, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND USE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

Representatives Wooley and Evans, for the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 272) recommending that H.B. No. 483, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Saiki moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 483, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Awana.

Representative Choy rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, with reservations and a very brief comment. This bill obviously deserves further deliberation, discussion and openness, but the way it's designed it's just not practical. When they're putting a cap on the amount of rent that is going to be charged and set aside for taro lands, that's a really difficult proposition. There's only 600 acres, according to the testifiers, that are presently now under taro production. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Takayama rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Fale rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Tsuji rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Wooley rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, in support. I'd like to just make a couple notes for the Members. There was a very important Taro Task Force meeting today, and for any of you who were able to see it or join us you'll know how critical taro lands are in Hawaii. There's been so much work to make sure that we take care of and even inventory these lands.

"So, I think that the Taro Task Force has made these recommendations. They've been working with the State, and this bill is critical for all of those reasons. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Hanohano rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"*Kako'o loa.* In strong support, and it's because there hasn't been enough discussion and enough due diligence of the State to take care of our taro, that we still need this task force to be here. And also for Members that need to be more educated on taro, I'll be having another informational briefing on Wednesday between 5 and 7, so you can pick up your *mana'o* from there. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Kawakami rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, with reservations. I'd like to also say that my reservations come from, I represent the district that produces the largest amount of *kalo* in the State of Hawaii. We've had members that sat on the Taro Security and Purity Task Force that were so frustrated that they couldn't get their comments inserted into the document that they withdrew themselves from the process. So, my reservations are held basically on having the largest producer of *kalo* being omitted from the report. Thank you."

Representative Cullen rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 483, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TARO LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Tokioka voting no, and with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Awana, seconded by Representative Fukumoto and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain House Bills for Third Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen were excused.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 273) recommending that H.B. No. 941 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Awana and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 941, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes, with Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen being excused.

At 12:59 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 941

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 231, HD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolution (H.R. No. 24) and concurrent resolution (H.C.R. No. 43) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 24, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE WAIHOLE WATER SYSTEM TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY," was offered by Representative Cabanilla.

H.C.R. No. 43, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE WAIHOLE WATER SYSTEM TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY," was offered by Representative Cabanilla.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Woodson: "Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. As we're all aware, Mr. Speaker, Valentine's Day is right around the corner. We are working with the Representative from the Big Island, Hilo, with offering a Valentine's Day Special. So, Valentine's Day is this Thursday, and we are doing a fundraiser for the Food Bank. If you'd like to consider purchasing a lollipop or a truffle for \$2. And we're also offering a dozen roses for well under market value at \$25. So, if you have any questions or if you'd like to share your *aloha* with your fellow colleagues or if you have a love interest in the building, please come by our office or Room 313, and we'll be willing to take care of you."

Representative Awana: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Kalani Falcons Boys Soccer Team for winning the Division I Championship during a long-fought, double overtime game against Punahou this Saturday. Mr. Speaker, as a Legislator who represents the opposite side of the island, I share this information with you and the Members not only because my daughter is a senior at this school, but also because there was a deeper inspirational story that we can all relate to, and that is a message that we must all strive to do the best that we can. And sometimes there may be surprises and unexpected situations that arise, and

how the human spirit is able to work through these great challenges on and off the sports field.

"Mr. Speaker, at this point I will keep the Members in suspense on the back story because I do not have enough time nor do I have enough tissue to pass out to everyone. And I would urge Members to take just a few minutes to read the article on the front page of this morning's *Star Advertiser*: 'Heartbreaking Win'. Mr. Speaker, I am requesting to enter this article into the Journal. This article is what we call a good read. And also a friendly reminder not to forget your tissue, Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Awana submitted the following *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* article:

'Heartbreaking' win

By Michael Tsai and Jerry Company

POSTED: 01:30 a.m. HST, Feb 11, 2013

For hero of the game Leo Klink, the euphoria of leading the Kalani Falcons soccer team to a state championship lasted only as long as it took to walk off the field in victory.

Klink, who scored two goals in regulation and another during the shootout to give Kalani a 3-2 victory over Punahou on Saturday, played the end of regulation plus two overtime periods and the shootout unaware that his mother, Hiroyo Klink, 52, had suffered a brain hemorrhage while watching the game and been rushed to a nearby hospital.

As soon as the game ended, coaches told Klink what had happened. Still in his mud-caked cleats, Klink was rushed to the hospital, where his mother had been placed in a medically induced coma.

"It was definitely heartbreaking," Klink said by telephone Sunday. "I went from tears of joy to tears of sadness." The evening had started well for Klink and his Kalani teammates. Twice Punahou scored go-ahead goals in regulation, and twice Klink responded to even the score.

With 25 minutes left, Klink's mother left her seat in the stands to go to the restroom. As she walked down the bleachers, she became dizzy.

Klink's father, Paul, noticed that she was dragging her left arm and leg. Using a tip from a stroke-awareness video he'd recently seen, he asked Hiroyo to smile.

"The left side of her face was unresponsive," Paul Klink said.

Against her protests, Klink called 911, and the game was stopped for 10 minutes so she could be placed in an ambulance.

She made it clear that she didn't want her son to know what had happened. She wanted him to keep playing.

Kalani head coach Mike Ching said he struggled with keeping the news from his star player. And when the two overtime periods expired with the score still knotted at 2-2, Ching even questioned the wisdom of turning to the Oahu Interscholastic Association's leading scorer and reigning boy soccer player of the year.

"I didn't know what to do," Ching said. "I am just a high school soccer coach. Even during penalty kicks, I didn't want him to take it because what if he misses and we lose and he has that piled onto him along with his mother? But nobody else wanted to take it; they all wanted Leo."

As usual, Leo came through, scoring goals along with teammates Ryan Bui and Steve Teshima. Goalie Kazuto Moribe sealed the victory, turning back a Punahou penalty kick.

"I celebrated with the team, shook the Punahou players' hands, then did an interview," Klink said. "Then the coaches came over and told me what happened."

TV commentators noted Klink's quick exit and mistook his tears for the emotional release of victory. Klink's teammates understood the magnitude of the tragedy immediately.

"They were bawling their eyes out when we told them," Ching said of Klink's soccer teammates. "Leo is probably the biggest sweetheart you'll ever meet on the field. He's a big mama's boy, in the best way. He's the most unassuming superstar I've ever met, and he loves his mother."

What appeared to be a stroke turned out to be a brain hemorrhage. In the hours after her arrival at the hospital, Hiroyo Klink's brain swelled to quadruple its normal size, putting her life in extreme jeopardy. Doctors hope for the best but fear she might not survive the next two or three days.

Leo Klink remained at his mother's side all day Sunday, telling her that he loves her, that she'll get better, that everything will be OK.

"She's the hardest worker I've every known," Leo said. "She gets up at 6 every morning to make me breakfast, then takes me to school and goes to work. Later she picks me up from soccer practice, goes home and makes dinner for us. She's always working for us."

The Klinks aren't alone in their vigil. Immediately after the game and throughout the night, scores of teammates from Kalani's soccer and football teams as well as Leo's Abunai club team came with their families to lend their support.

"The love and caring that have been expressed to us is just overwhelming," Paul Klink said. "It's nuts and it's beautiful. This has been the best and worst 24 hours of our lives."

Representative Kawakami: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I'm also glad to announce that up on the hills of Kapahi we have our very own champs in Kapa'a Warrior Boys Soccer as they're the Division II State Champs. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Hanohano: "We would also like to congratulate Kamehameha Girl's Basketball Team for their championship. And we would like to also congratulate Konawaena Wildcats for coming in second. So, *imua, na moku o keawe* – move forward for Hawaii Island. *Mahalo.*"

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were referred to committee by the Speaker:

<u>S.B.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Referred to:</u>
94	Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Finance
995	Committee on Water & Land

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

<u>H.B.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
353	Committee on Finance
1219	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Finance
1298	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:03 o'clock p.m., on motion by Representative Awana, seconded by Representative Fukumoto and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon tomorrow, Tuesday, February 12, 2013. (Representatives Cachola, Har, Lee, McKelvey, Takai and Thielen were excused.)